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Title: USING A HIGH LEVEL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE
WITH A MICROCONTROLLER

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/029,057, filed October 25, 1996.

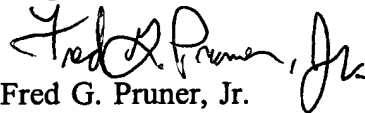
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As properly stated by the two examiners who have been consulted in the disposition of this application, the invention is drawn to the combination between a known operating system (JAVA) and a known platform (Smart Card). The question lies in where the case would be best examined. Both examiners have alleged that there is nothing novel about the individual aspects of the invention.

In reviewing the claims, it appears that the claim limitations drawn to the programming application (see for example claims 31-51, 68-94, 100-105) would present much more difficulty to an examiner in class 235, than would the broad recitation of IC cards with associated processors and memories to an examiner in class 395.

The examiner who refused the case in class 395 has indicated that an examiner from that class would have to learn about smart cards to work on this case. A quick search on APS reveals 122 patents include smart cards and are in class 395. A large number of these patents have issued in class 395. The examiner who refused the application even issued a patent (5,752,040) which deals with changing a program loaded in the memory of a smart card. Doing a similar APS with "JAVA" and class 235 reveals only three patents. All three patents broadly refer to the use of JAVA and fail to recite the specifics as set forth in the claims.

As evidenced by this, it would appear that an examiner in class 395 would be best suited to examine this application. However, if it is finally determined that the case should be examined in class 235, it is respectfully requested that an examiner in class 395 provide prior art that would describe the "known features" of JAVA set forth in the claims.


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